


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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for Health Care Finance

Medical Assistance Program
Transmittal No: 03-41

TO: All District of Columbia Medicaid Active Treatment Providers

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SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA had devised many local codes to accommodate special needs and circumstances for active treatment services; however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked active treatment local code(s) to standard code(s).

MAA has Attached an Addendum that provides a crosswalk between the current local code(s) and standard code(s) and the new Active Treatment provider billing manual. Additionally, the proposed transition from local code(s) to standard code(s) will not change the current reimbursement(s) for the District Medicaid active treatment services.

Please note that, effective September 30, 2003 MAA will discontinue the use of current local code(s). Active Treatment service claims with a service date of October 1, 2003 or later should only use the standard codes. Additionally, billing for active treatment services has been modified. Active Treatment service providers will be required to submit their proxy Medicaid provider number (see the enclosed addenda for additional information) that identifies the Active Treatment provider as the service provider in BLOCK 33 of the HCFA 1500.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk at (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Local Codes Crosswalk and Billing Manual – Active Treatment Providers